

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 13-17, 2006 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation; and

WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs - public and private, campus-based and national - that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; including study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, by participating in such programs Maine's young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim November 13 - 17, 2006 as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this seventeenth day of October Two Thousand and Six.

> John E. Baldacci Governor

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State TRUE ATTESTED COPY